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ATTN: PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
DETECTING METAL CONTAMINATION ON A SEMICONDUCTOR
WAFER" -- Xu, et al.

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a title page, a 40 page specification, 39 pages of claims (Claims 1-240), and a one page abstract. In addition, we have also included 12 formal drawings on 12 sheets. The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of Zhiwei Xu, Arun Srivatsa, Amin Samsavar, Thomas G. Miller, Greg Horner and Steven Weinzierl for the above-entitled invention.

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/203,538 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING METAL CONTAMINATION ON A SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER" filed May 10, 2000.

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